SUMNER STATION ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

DROP-IN SESSIONS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

As part of Sound Transit's Sumner Station Access Improvements Project, the community outreach team hosted a series of events to inform the community of proposed access improvements to Sumner Station. The project team held six informal meetings at the station and nearby venues for attendees to learn about the project and ask questions. Sound Transit shared its decision to include a 400 (or more)-stall parking garage at the Sumner Station to supplement the current surface parking, pedestrian and bicycle improvements and a potential pedestrian bridge over the station railroad tracks.

Approximately 275 people* attended the events including nearby residents, community members, commuters and Seahawks game day riders. Notifications were provided in several ways including posters, social media, email alerts, postcards, press release, announcements on the train and in-person visibility. Overall, the community appreciated learning about the Board's decision but were disappointed the parking garage would not be built sooner.

EVENTS

Date and time	Location	Audience	No. of Attendees
Thursday, Oct. 23 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Sumner Trail Opening (Stewart Road Trailhead)	Community members	50
Thursday, Nov. 20 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Sumner Station – Commuters (810 Maple St.)	Sounder riders (commuters)	55
Sunday, Nov. 23 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Sumner Station – Game Day (810 Maple St.)	Sounder riders (Seahawks game day riders)	20
Tuesday, Dec. 2 5:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Midtown Station (813 Academy St.)	Community members	25
Saturday, Dec. 6 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Holiday Market (Pioneer Park Pavilion)	Community members	100*
Saturday, Dec. 13 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Starbucks (15005 Main St.)	Community members	25

*The Holiday Market catered to both Sumner and Puyallup communities, yet the event took place in Puyallup. About 20 percent of the participants were interested in the Sumner station.

KEY THEMES

Sound Transit staff recorded attendees' questions and comments during the drop-in sessions, summarized qualitatively below:

- The public agrees with and emphasizes the project need but is concerned about the long schedule to complete the parking garage. Many think Sound Transit should provide a temporary solution for parking.
- Traffic on side streets regularly occurs during peak commute hours and many people are concerned about increased traffic once the parking garage is built.
- The parking garage should benefit the local community both visually (i.e. appealing paint color) and functionally (i.e. prevent riders from parking on city streets).
- While some individuals still prefer a parking garage/station at Shaw Road, others are happy the garage will be at Sumner Station.
- Other concerns include cost of parking, handicap stalls and garage height.
- Several individuals are concerned about the implications of the project including increased traffic, potential impact to nearby businesses and whether the added parking stalls will meet future demand.
- Fewer than ten people commented on the potential pedestrian bridge installation; conversations mostly focused on the parking garage and need for additional parking.
- The majority of people requested additional trains, particularly during off-peak and weekend hours.

FEEDBACK ABOUT DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION

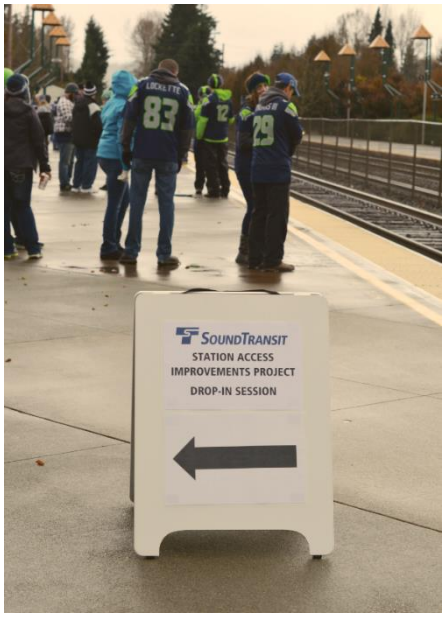
- Consider impacts to traffic throughout the parking garage design.
- Incorporate as many parking spots as possible.
- Ensure temporary parking is provided during construction.
- Consider the pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks.
- Consider designating vanshare/carpool parking spots.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Supporting materials for the Sumner Station Access Improvements Project drop-in sessions are attached, including:

- Photos - *page 3*
- Postcard (mailed to .5 mile radius of Sumner Station) - *page 4*
- Poster (distributed to nearby businesses) - *page 5*
- Display boards - *pages 6-7*
- Factsheet - *pages 8-9*

PHOTOS



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Learn about progress on parking and other access improvements for Sumner Station

- **Visit soundtransit.org**
- **Attend a drop-in session:**

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Sound Transit has been working with the Sumner community on station access improvement options. On August 28, the Sound Transit Board of Directors selected a preferred package for access improvements and will begin further development and design of the project. Voters approved funding to improve access to Sounder commuter rail stations in the 2008 Sound Transit 2 ballot measure.

Please join us to:

- Understand the purpose, goals and schedule of the project
- Learn about the Board's decision on a parking garage onsite at Sumner Station and pedestrian and bike improvements
- Learn about upcoming activities and opportunities to stay involved

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Improving access to Sumner Station

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Area of proposed improvements:

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- Strategic pedestrian access improvements within 1/4 mile of the station
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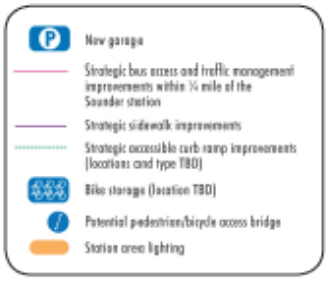
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Sumner Station Access Improvements Project

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Project timeline

2000-2012

- Sounder commuter rail service begins
- Sound Transit 2 funding approved (2008)
- Sounder Stations Access and Demand Study (2010 – 2012)

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WE ARE HERE

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FACTSHEET

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FACT SHEET

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Project Background

Sound Transit will improve access to Sumner Station for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. Improvements will be complete by 2021. Voters approved funding to improve access at Sounder stations on the 2008 Sound Transit 2 ballot measure.

Over 1,000 people a day ride a Sounder train or ST Express bus from the Sumner Station. About two-thirds of Sounder riders drive and park at the Sumner Station, the Red Apple lot or on City streets. Another 20 percent use bus services to access the station. Many of these riders find station access difficult because parking is full by 6 a.m. Traffic congestion creates delays at intersections around the station, affecting both drivers and buses.

Sound Transit is predicting a 50 percent increase in ridership by 2035 - approximately 600 new riders in Sumner alone. To help meet demand, three Sounder south line round trips will be added by 2017. Additional parking and congestion management will be required to meet this growing ridership demand. Similarly, additional bicycle and pedestrian amenities will expand non-motorized access to the station. The total budget for the project is $39 million.

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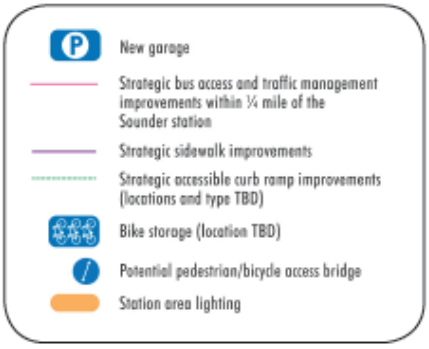
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